

Please amend the claims as indicated on the attached pages showing the claims as amended and in clean form together with new claims.

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for certain claimed subject matter.

It is the applicant's position that the matters addressed by the Examiner do, in fact, have a proper antecedent basis with the exception of one item in claim 20 and since the claim has been cancelled, the issue is moot.

The phrase having the proportions of 15 to 30% in claim for has a basis in line 3 of the fourth paragraph of page 5 but the correct proportion was 10% to 35% as indicated in the changed claim. Likewise, claims 5 and 10 have been amended to read 15% to 25% as stated in line 5 of the fourth paragraph on page 5.

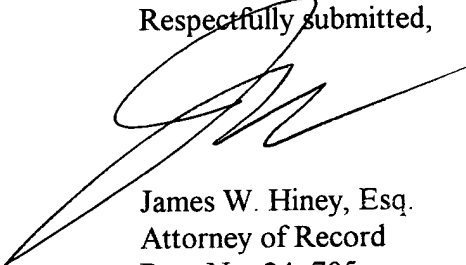
The phrase 10% of polyvinyl acetate in claims 15 and 18 has a proper antecedent basis in line 3 of the third paragraph on page 3 of the specification.

The phrase noting the range of polyvinyl acetate in claim 19 as 0 to 20% has a proper antecedent basis in line 5 of paragraph 3 on page 3 of the specification.

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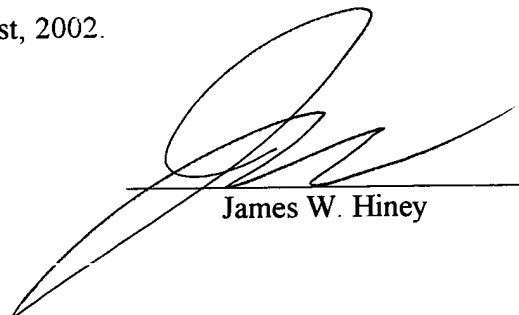
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